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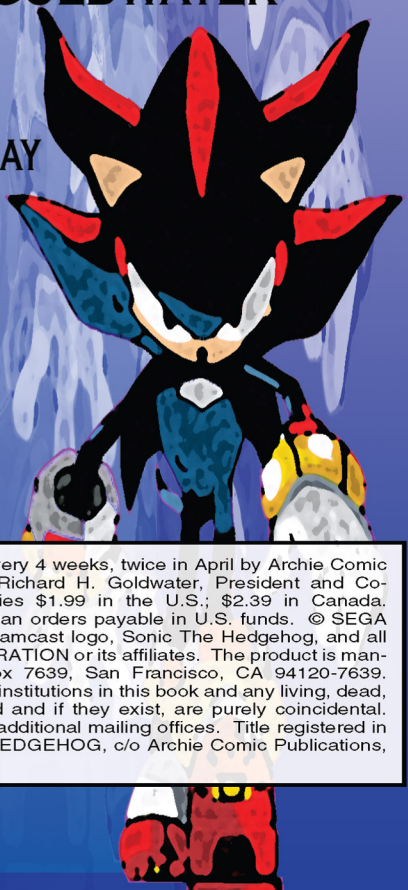

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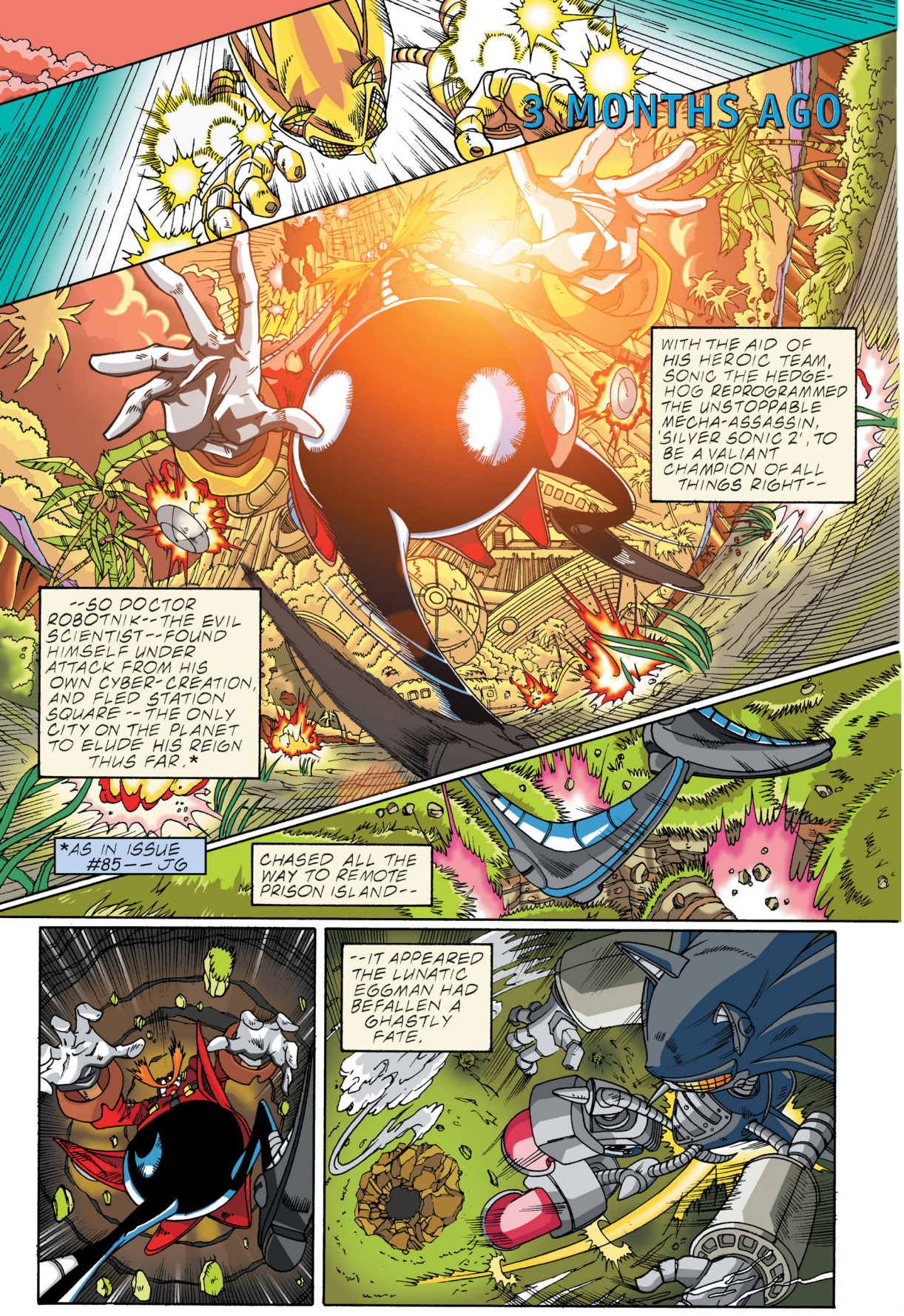
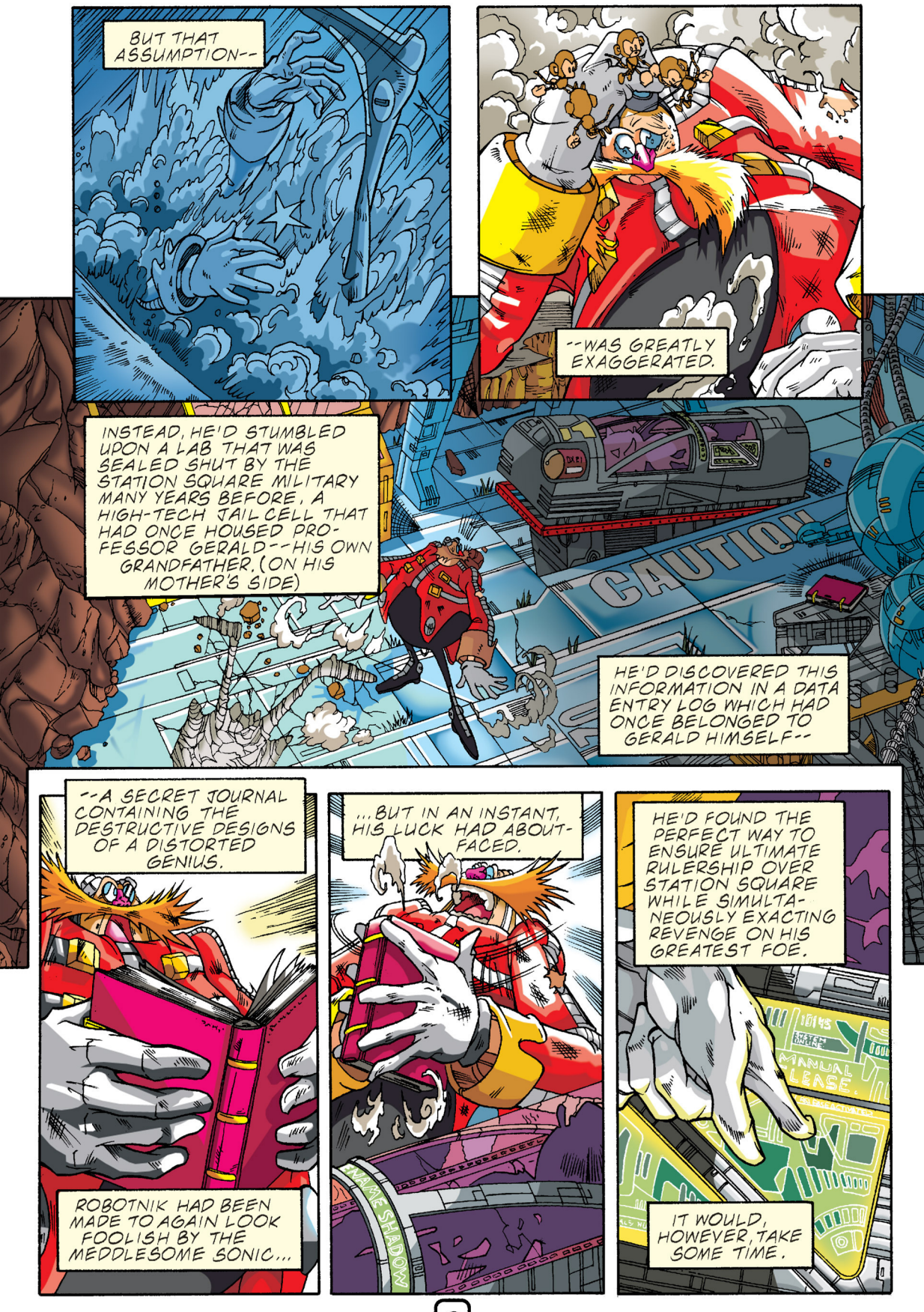
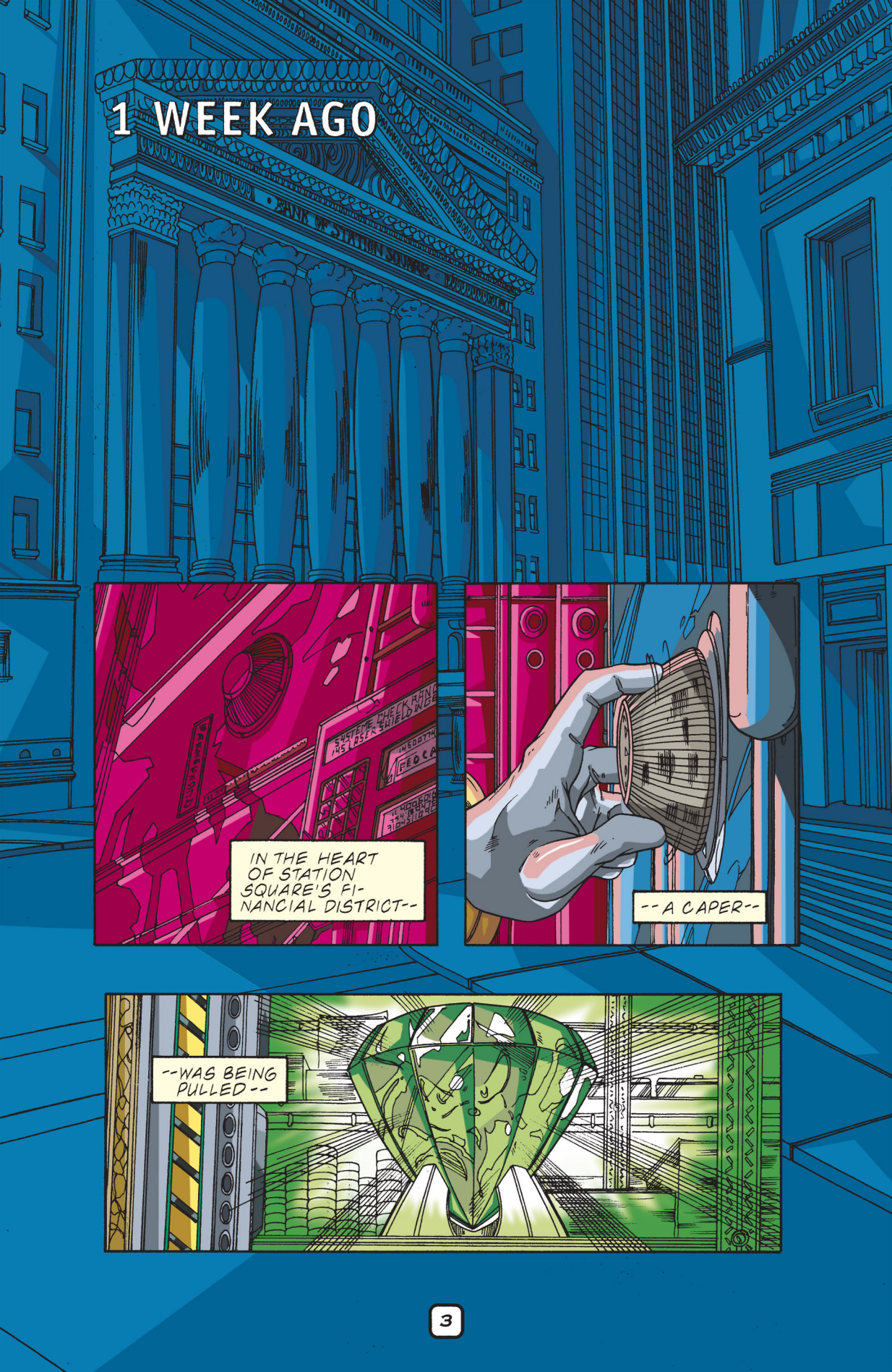
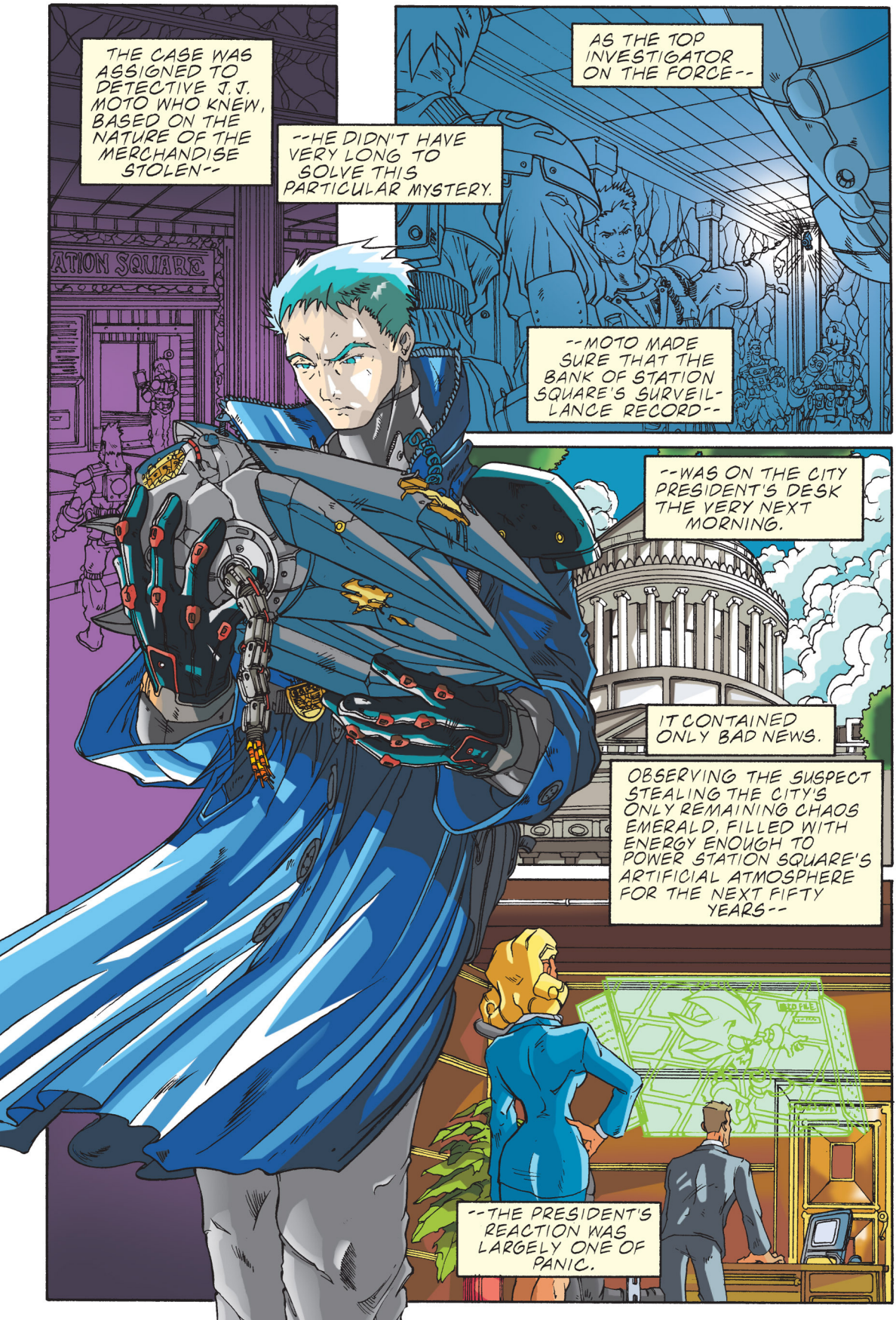

3 MONTHS AGO
WITH THE AID OF HIS HEROIC TEAM, SONIC THE HEDGE-HOG REPROGRAMMED THE UNSTOPPABLE MECHA-ASSASSIN, 'SILVER SONIC 2', TO BE A VALIANT CHAMPION OF ALL THINGS RIGHT--
--SO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK--THE EVIL SCIENTIST--FOUND HIMSELF UNDER ATTACK FROM HIS OWN CYBER-CREATION, AND FLED STATION SQUARE--THE ONLY CITY ON THE PLANET TO ELUDE HIS REIGN THUS FAR.*
*AS IN ISSUE #85--JG
CHASED ALL THE WAY TO REMOTE PRISON ISLAND--

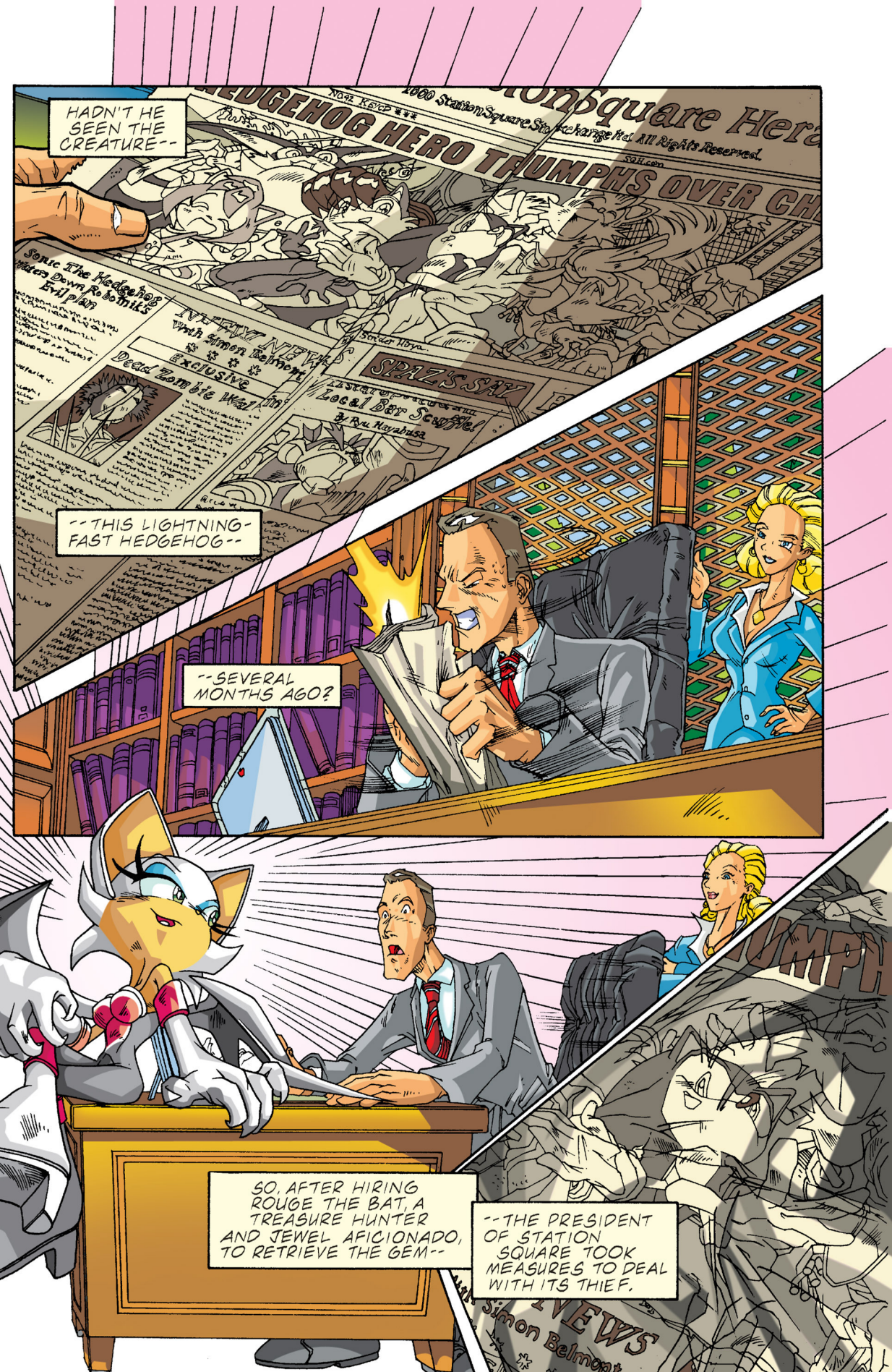
--IT APPEARED THE LUNATIC EGGMAN HAD BEFALLEN A GHASTLY FATE.

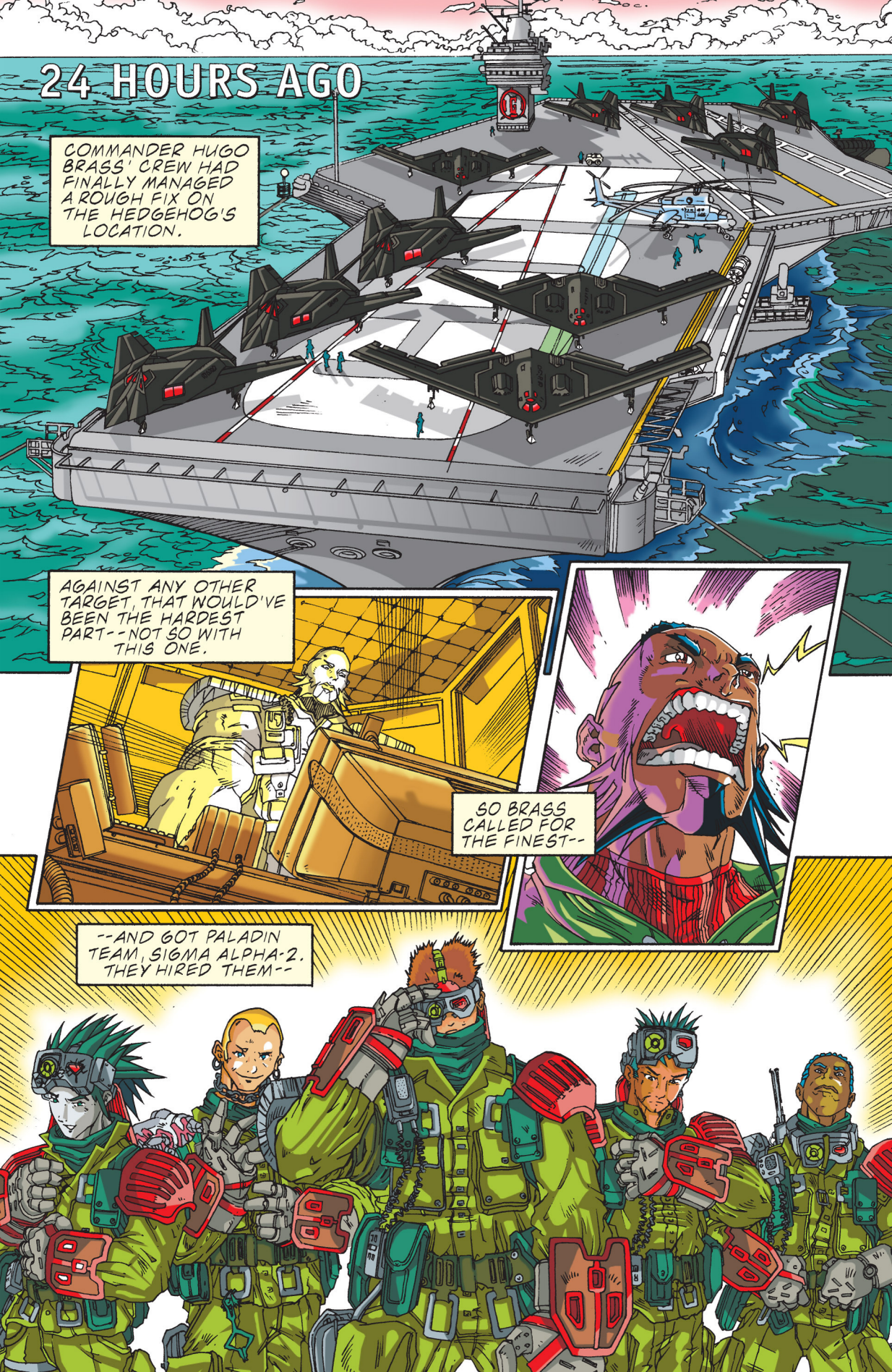

BUT THAT ASSUMPTION--
--WAS GREATLY EXAGGERATED.
INSTEAD, HE'D STUMBLED UPON A LAB THAT WAS SEALED SHUT BY THE STATION SQUARE MILITARY MANY YEARS BEFORE, A HIGH-TECH JAIL CELL THAT HAD ONCE HOUSED PROFESSOR GERALD--HIS OWN GRANDFATHER. (ON HIS MOTHER'S SIDE)
CAUTION
HE'D DISCOVERED THIS INFORMATION IN A DATA ENTRY LOG WHICH HAD ONCE BELONGED TO GERALD HIMSELF--
--A SECRET JOURNAL CONTAINING THE DESTRUCTIVE DESIGNS OF A DISTORTED GENIUS.
ROBOTNIK HAD BEEN MADE TO AGAIN LOOK FOOLISH BY THE MEDDLESOME SONIC...
...BUT IN AN INSTANT, HIS LUCK HAD ABOUT-FACED.
SHADOW
HE'D FOUND THE PERFECT WAY TO ENSURE ULTIMATE RULERSHIP OVER STATION SQUARE WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY EXACTING REVENGE ON HIS GREATEST FOE.
MANUAL RELEASE
IT WOULD, HOWEVER, TAKE SOME TIME.

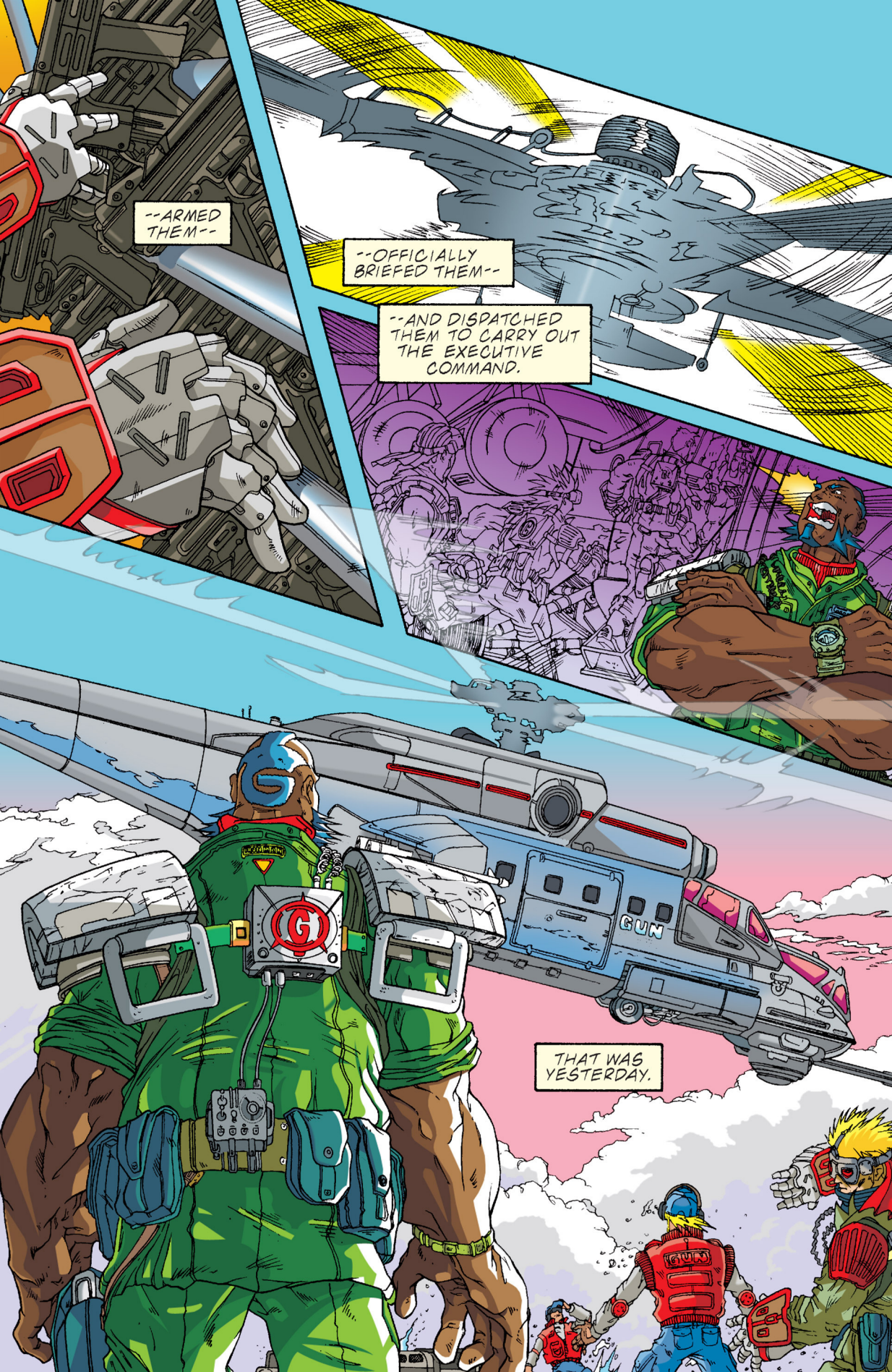

1 WEEK AGO
BANK OF STATION SQUARE
IN THE HEART OF STATION SQUARE'S FI-NANCIAL DISTRICT--
--A CAPER--
--WAS BEING PULLED--

--BY A NEWLY ARRIVED PLAYER ON THE SCENE.
SILVER SONIC 2 BOLDLY TRIED TO PREVENT IT.
TRIED--
--BUT ULTIMATELY FAILED.

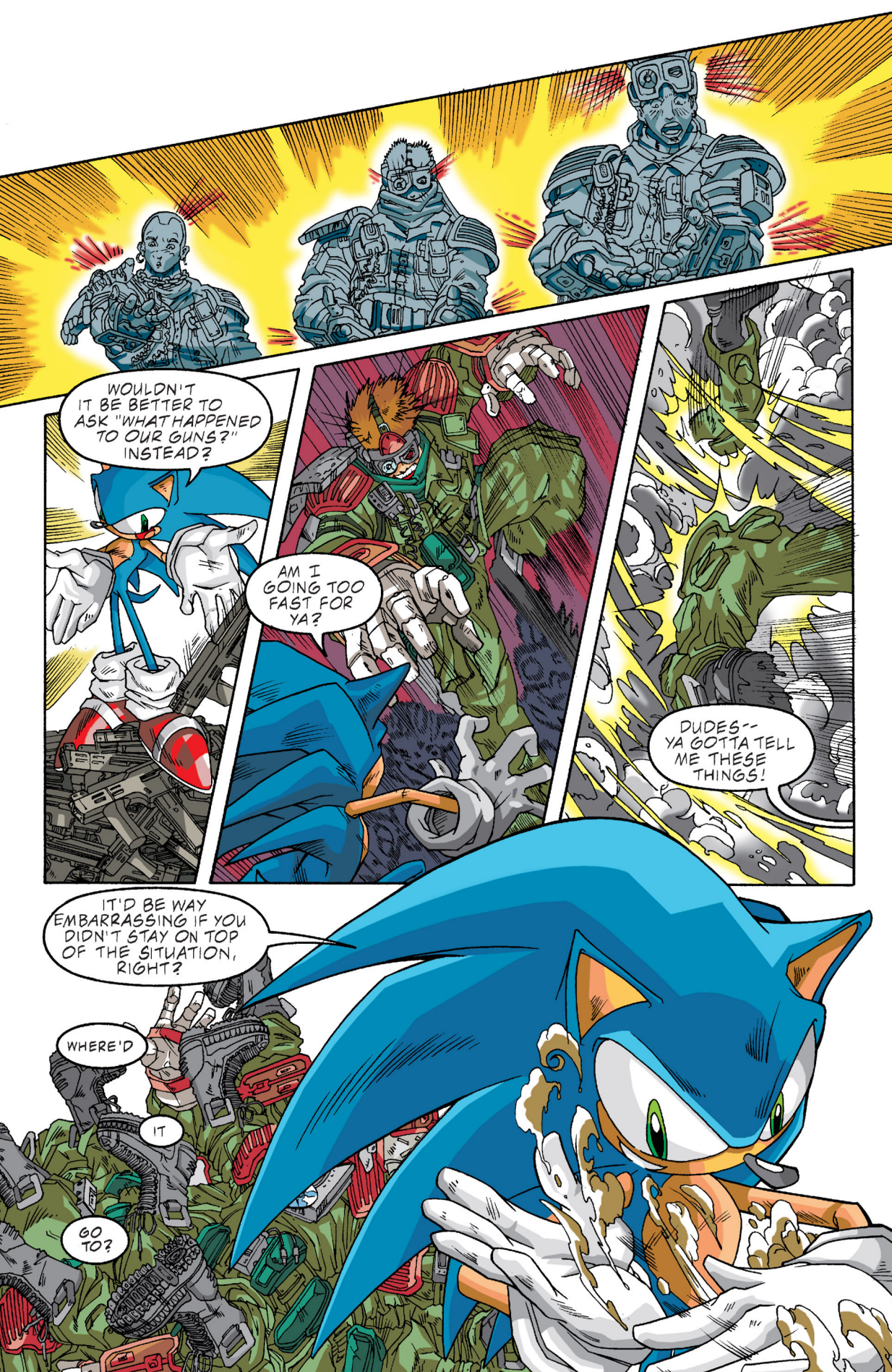

THE CASE WAS ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVE J.J. MOTO WHO KNEW, BASED ON THE NATURE OF THE MERCHANDISE STOLEN--
--HE DIDN'T HAVE VERY LONG TO SOLVE THIS PARTICULAR MYSTERY.
ATION SQUARE
AS THE TOP INVESTIGATOR ON THE FORCE--
--MOTO MADE SURE THAT THE BANK OF STATION SQUARE'S SURVEIL-LANCE RECORD--
--WAS ON THE CITY PRESIDENT'S DESK THE VERY NEXT MORNING.
IT CONTAINED ONLY BAD NEWS.
OBSERVING THE SUSPECT STEALING THE CITY'S ONLY REMAINING CHAOS EMERALD, FILLED WITH ENERGY ENOUGH TO POWER STATION SQUARE'S ARTIFICIAL ATMOSPHERE FOR THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS--
--THE PRESIDENT'S REACTION WAS LARGELY ONE OF PANIC.

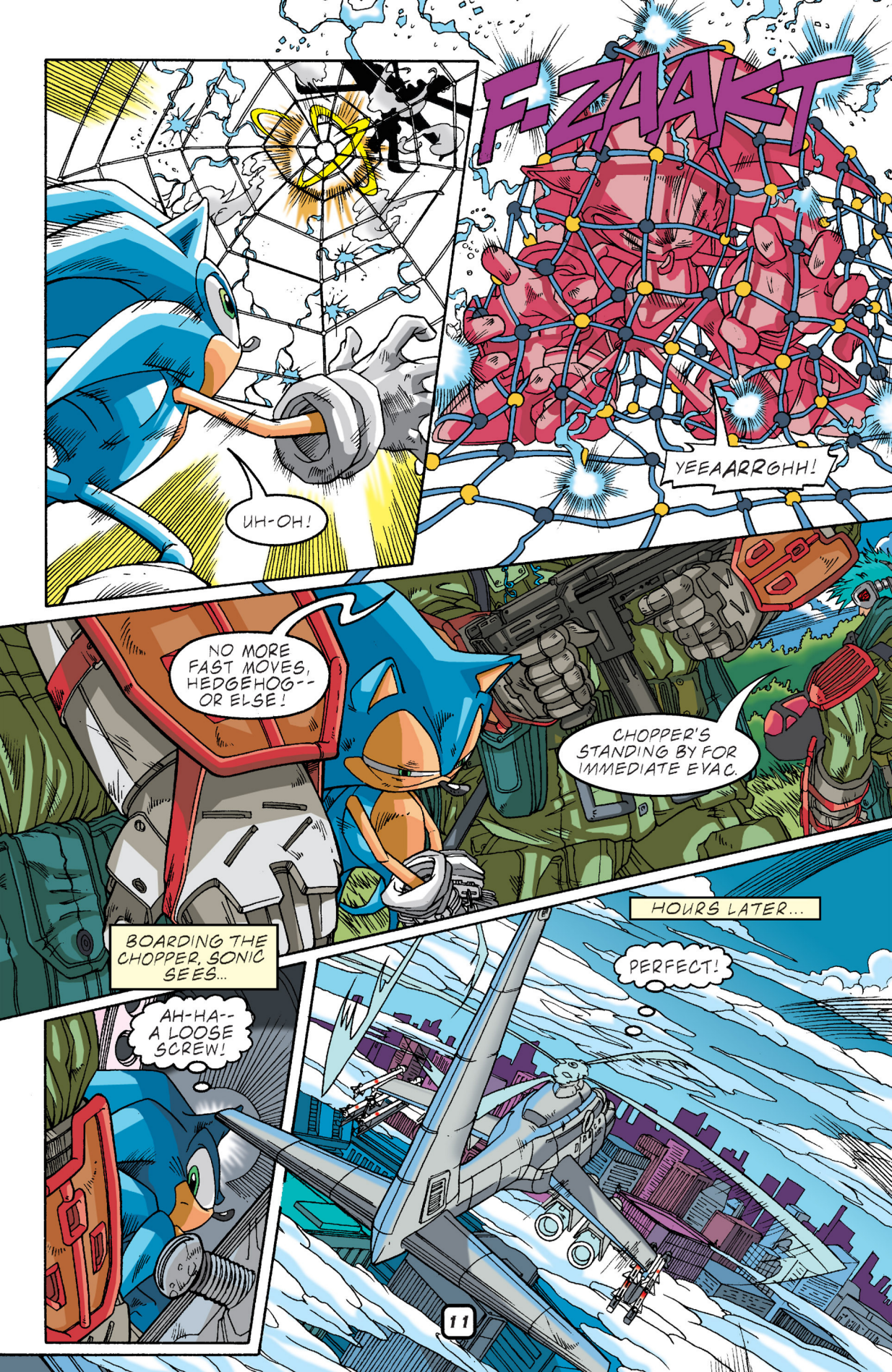

HADN'T HE SEEN THE CREATURE--
HEDGEHOG HERO TRIUMPHS OVER
Sonic The Hedgehog Takes Down Robotnik's Evil plan
Dead Zombie Walk!
SPAZ'S SAY
Local Bar Scuffle!
--THIS LIGHTNING-FAST HEDGEHOG--
--SEVERAL MONTHS AGO?
SO, AFTER HIRING ROUGE THE BAT, A TREASURE HUNTER AND JEWEL AFICIONADO, TO RETRIEVE THE GEM--
--THE PRESIDENT OF STATION SQUARE TOOK MEASURES TO DEAL WITH ITS THIEF.

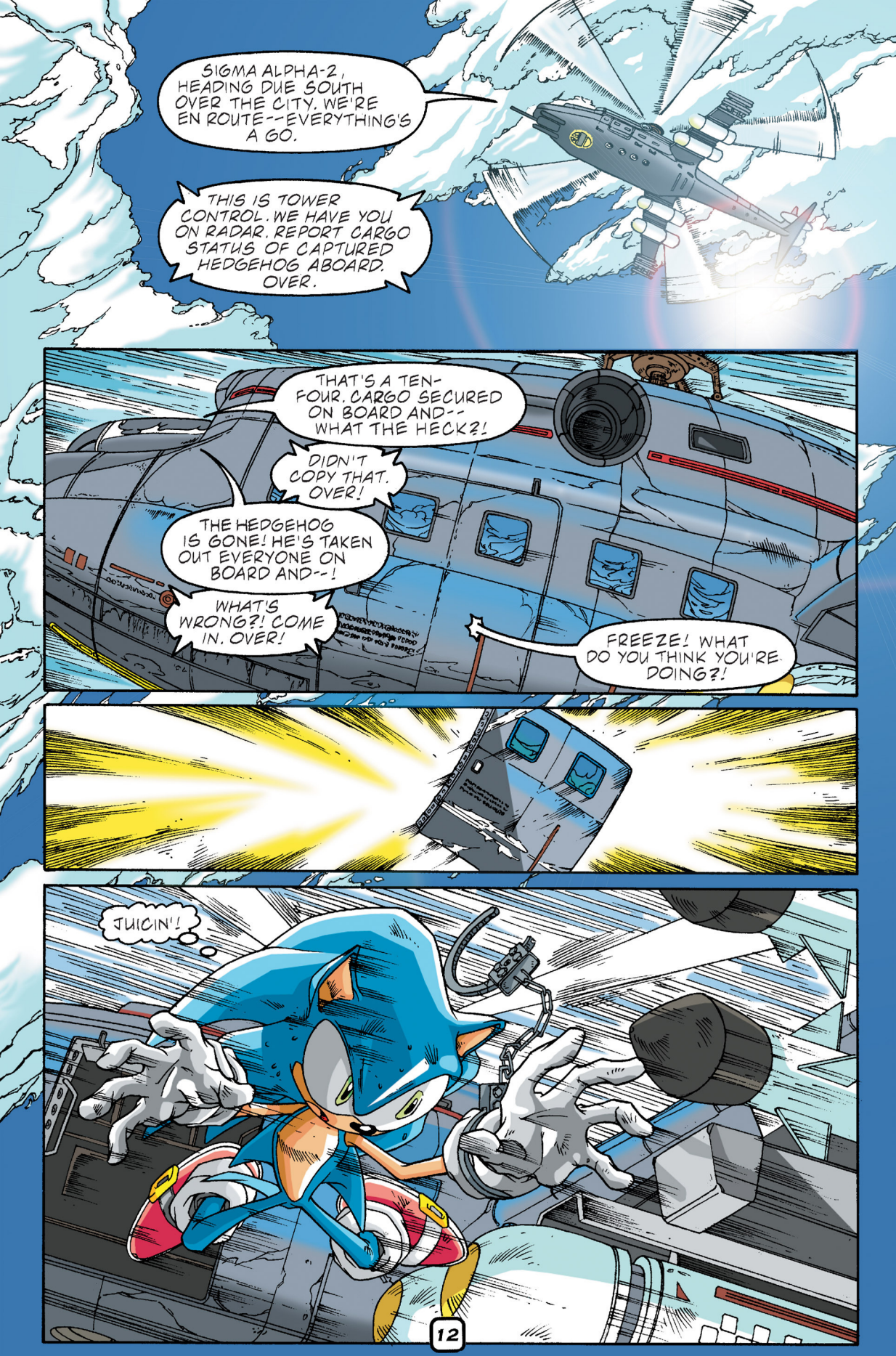

24 HOURS AGO
COMMANDER HUGO BRASS' CREW HAD FINALLY MANAGED A ROUGH FIX ON THE HEDGEHOG'S LOCATION.
AGAINST ANY OTHER TARGET, THAT WOULD'VE BEEN THE HARDEST PART--NOT SO WITH THIS ONE.
SO BRASS CALLED FOR THE FINEST--
--AND GOT PALADIN TEAM, SIGMA ALPHA-2. THEY HIRED THEM--

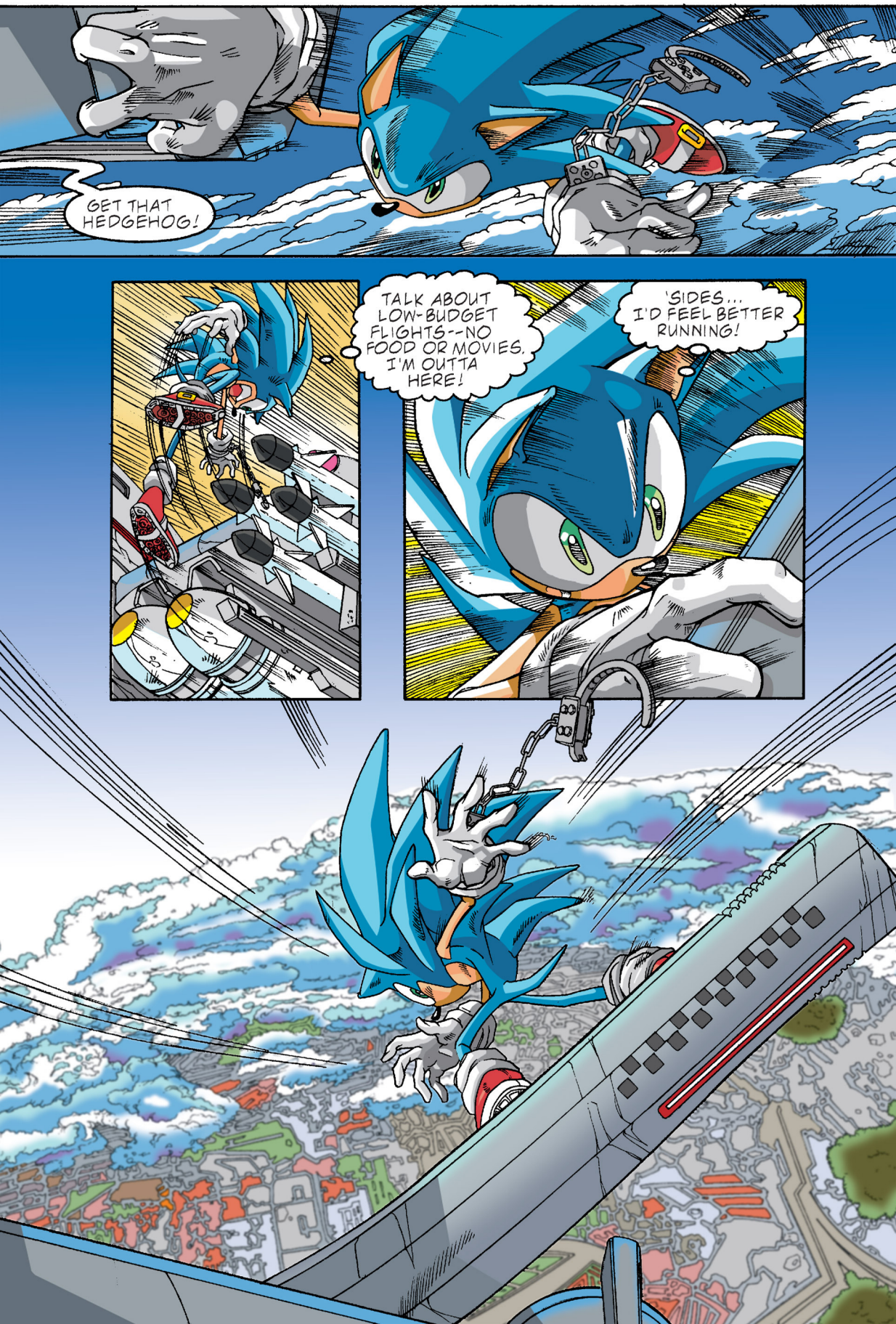

--ARMED THEM--
--OFFICIALLY BRIEFED THEM--
--AND DISPATCHED THEM TO CARRY OUT THE EXECUTIVE COMMAND.
GUN
THAT WAS YESTERDAY.

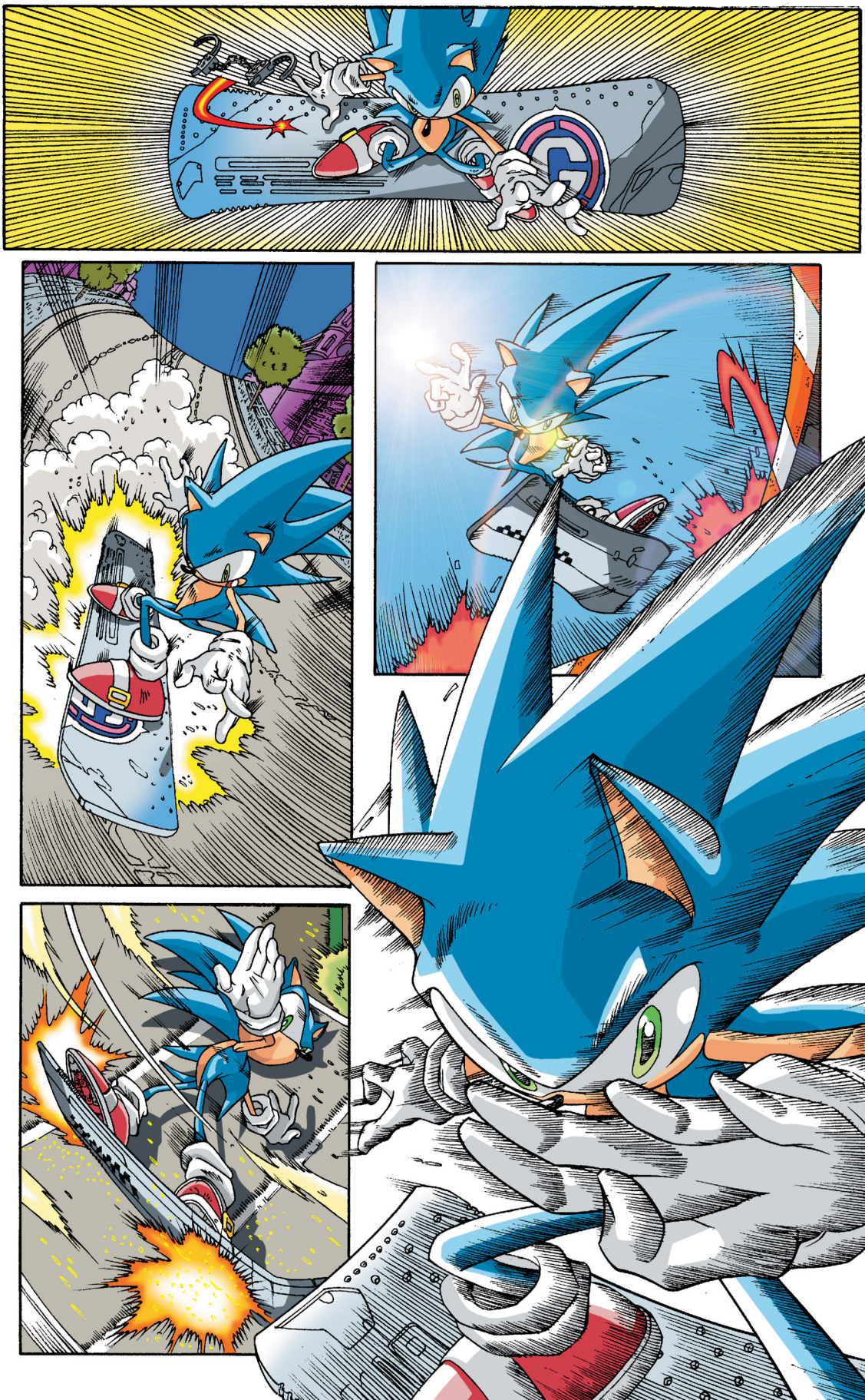
NOW
FREEZE, HEDGEHOG! YOU'RE COMING WITH US!
HAVE WE MET?
KABOOM
KABOOM
KABOOM
YOU'D THINK I'D REMEMBER YOU GUYS! OH, WELL!
GO TO?
IT-
WHERE'D-

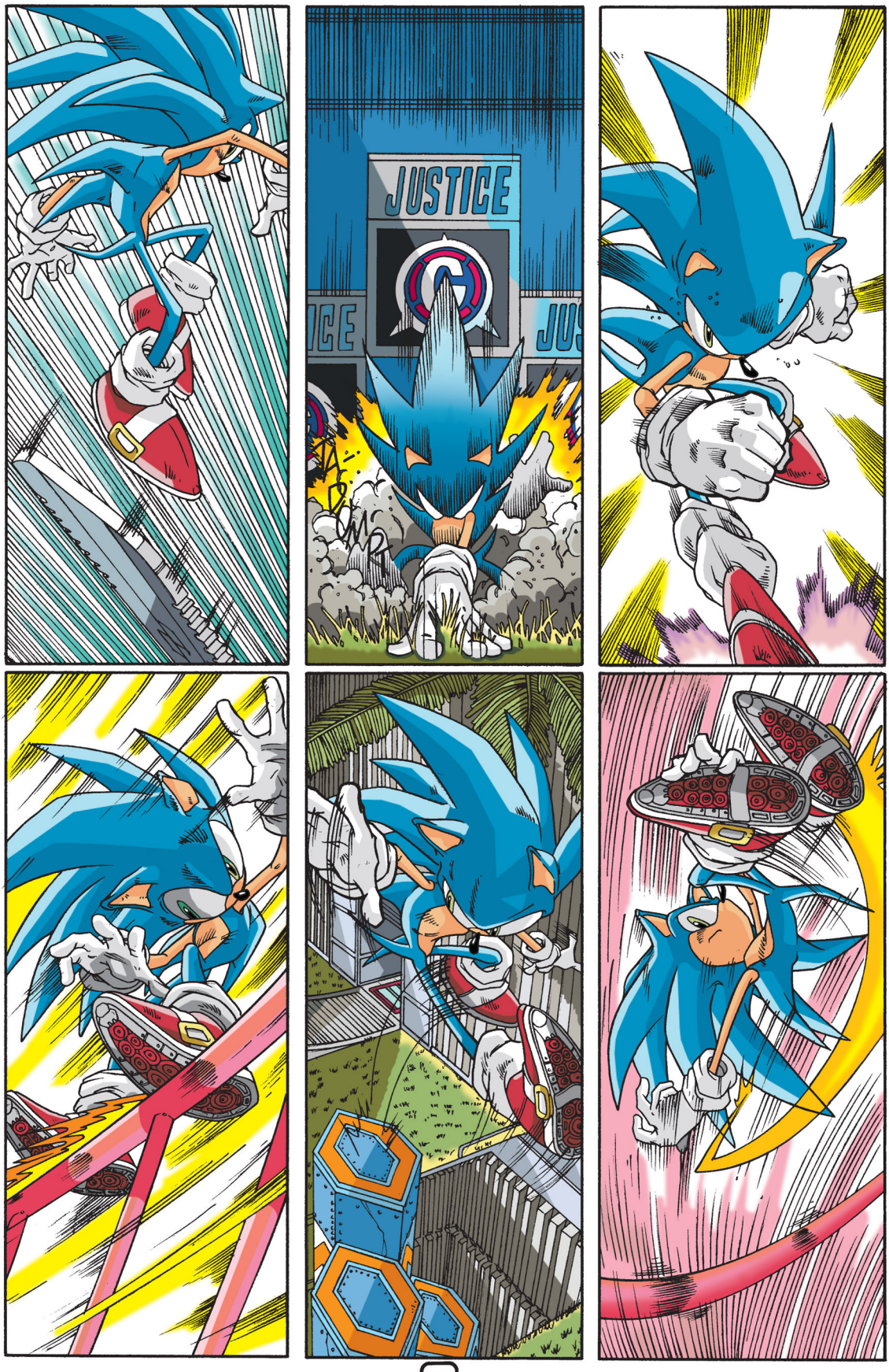

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO ASK "WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR GUNS?" INSTEAD?
AM I GOING TOO FAST FOR YA?
DUDES-- YA GOTTA TELL ME THESE THINGS!
IT'D BE WAY EMBARRASSING IF YOU DIDN'T STAY ON TOP OF THE SITUATION, RIGHT?
WHERE'D
IT
GO TO?


F-ZAAKT
UH-OH!
YEEAARGHH!
NO MORE FAST MOVES, HEDGEHOG-- OR ELSE!
CHOPPER'S STANDING BY FOR IMMEDIATE EVAC.
BOARDING THE CHOPPER, SONIC SEES...
AH-HA-- A LOOSE SCREW!
HOURS LATER...
PERFECT!


SIGMA ALPHA-2, HEADING DUE SOUTH OVER THE CITY. WE'RE EN ROUTE--EVERYTHING'S A GO.
THIS IS TOWER CONTROL. WE HAVE YOU ON RADAR. REPORT CARGO STATUS OF CAPTURED HEDGEHOG ABOARD. OVER.
THAT'S A TEN-FOUR. CARGO SECURED ON BOARD AND-- WHAT THE HECK?!
DIDN'T COPY THAT. OVER!
THE HEDGEHOG IS GONE! HE'S TAKEN OUT EVERYONE ON BOARD AND--!
WHAT'S WRONG?! COME IN. OVER!
FREEZE! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
JUICIN'!


GET THAT HEDGEHOG!
TALK ABOUT LOW-BUDGET FLIGHTS--NO FOOD OR MOVIES. I'M OUTTA HERE!
'SIDES... I'D FEEL BETTER RUNNING!

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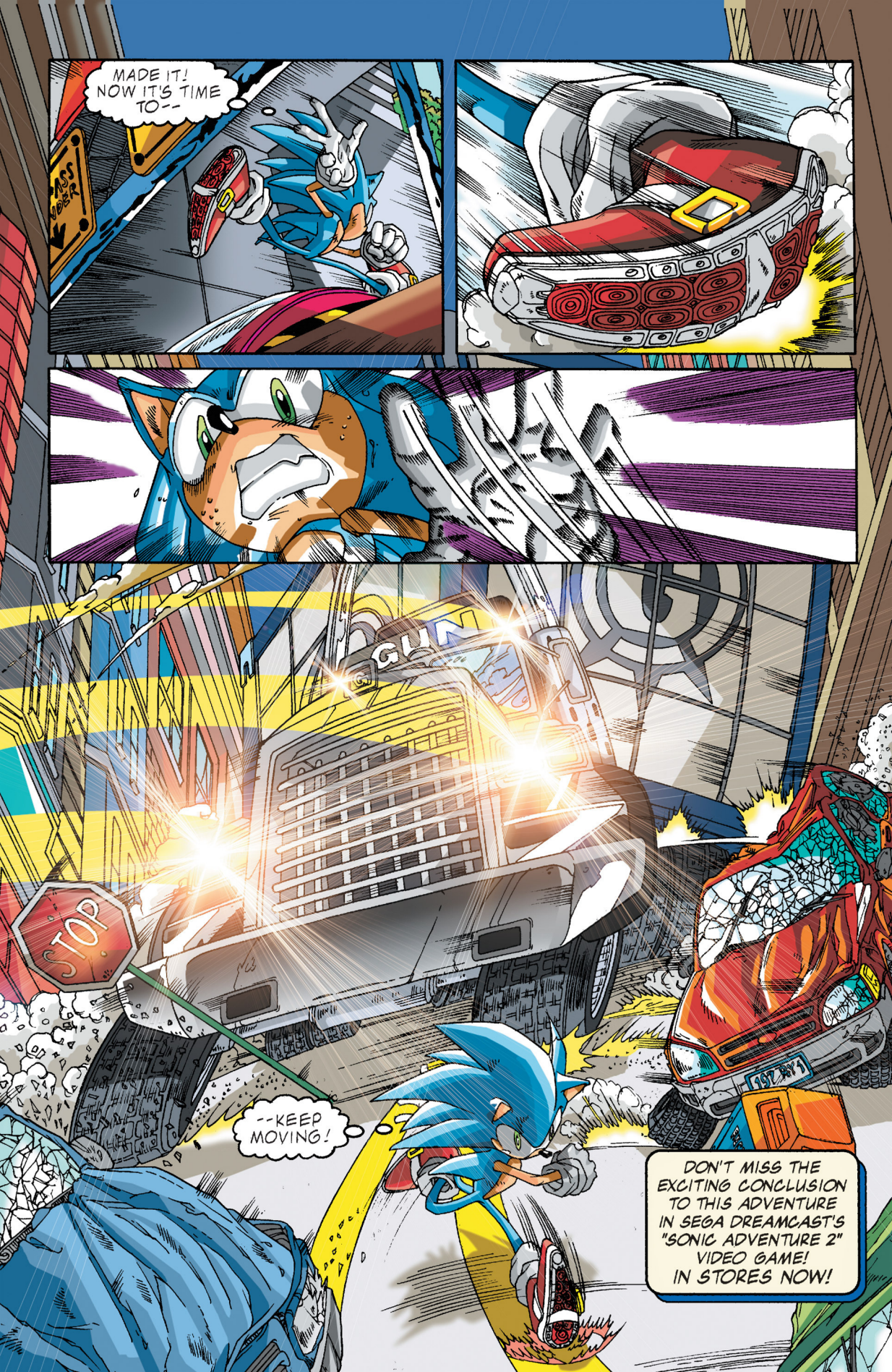
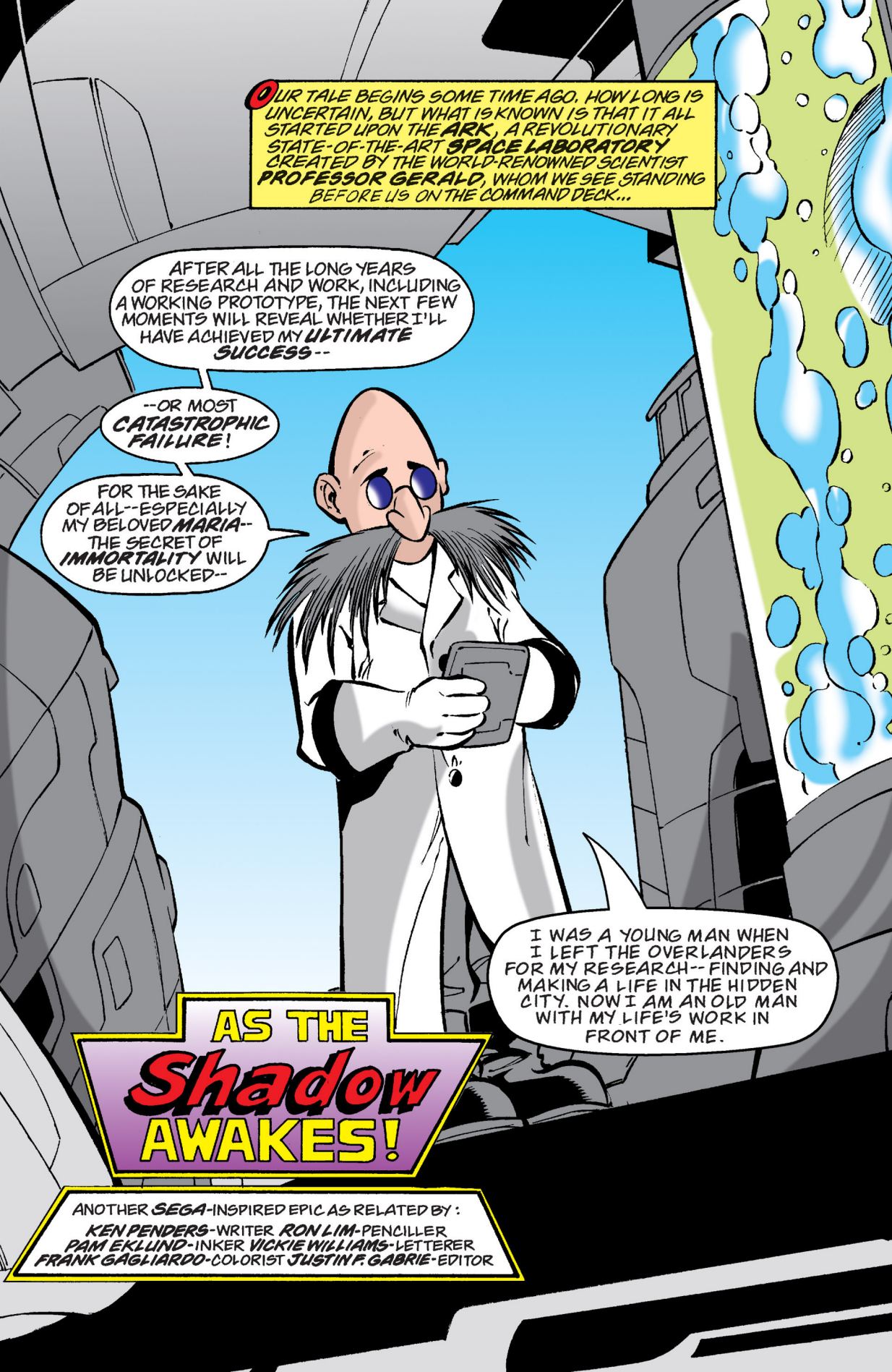

MADE IT! NOW IT'S TIME TO--
--KEEP MOVING!
DON'T MISS THE EXCITING CONCLUSION TO THIS ADVENTURE IN SEGA DREAMCAST'S "SONIC ADVENTURE 2" VIDEO GAME! IN STORES NOW!


OUR TALE BEGINS SOME TIME AGO. HOW LONG IS UNCERTAIN, BUT WHAT IS KNOWN IS THAT IT ALL STARTED UPON THE ARK, A REVOLUTIONARY STATE-OF-THE-ART SPACE LABORATORY CREATED BY THE WORLD-RENOWNED SCIENTIST PROFESSOR GERALD, WHOM WE SEE STANDING BEFORE US ON THE COMMAND DECK...
AFTER ALL THE LONG YEARS OF RESEARCH AND WORK, INCLUDING A WORKING PROTOTYPE, THE NEXT FEW MOMENTS WILL REVEAL WHETHER I'LL HAVE ACHIEVED MY ULTIMATE SUCCESS--
--OR MOST CATASTROPHIC FAILURE!
FOR THE SAKE OF ALL--ESPECIALLY MY BELOVED MARIA--THE SECRET OF IMMORTALITY WILL BE UNLOCKED--
I WAS A YOUNG MAN WHEN I LEFT THE OVERLANDERS FOR MY RESEARCH--FINDING AND MAKING A LIFE IN THE HIDDEN CITY. NOW I AM AN OLD MAN WITH MY LIFE'S WORK IN FRONT OF ME.
AS THE Shadow AWAKES!
ANOTHER SEGA-INSPIRED EPIC AS RELATED BY:
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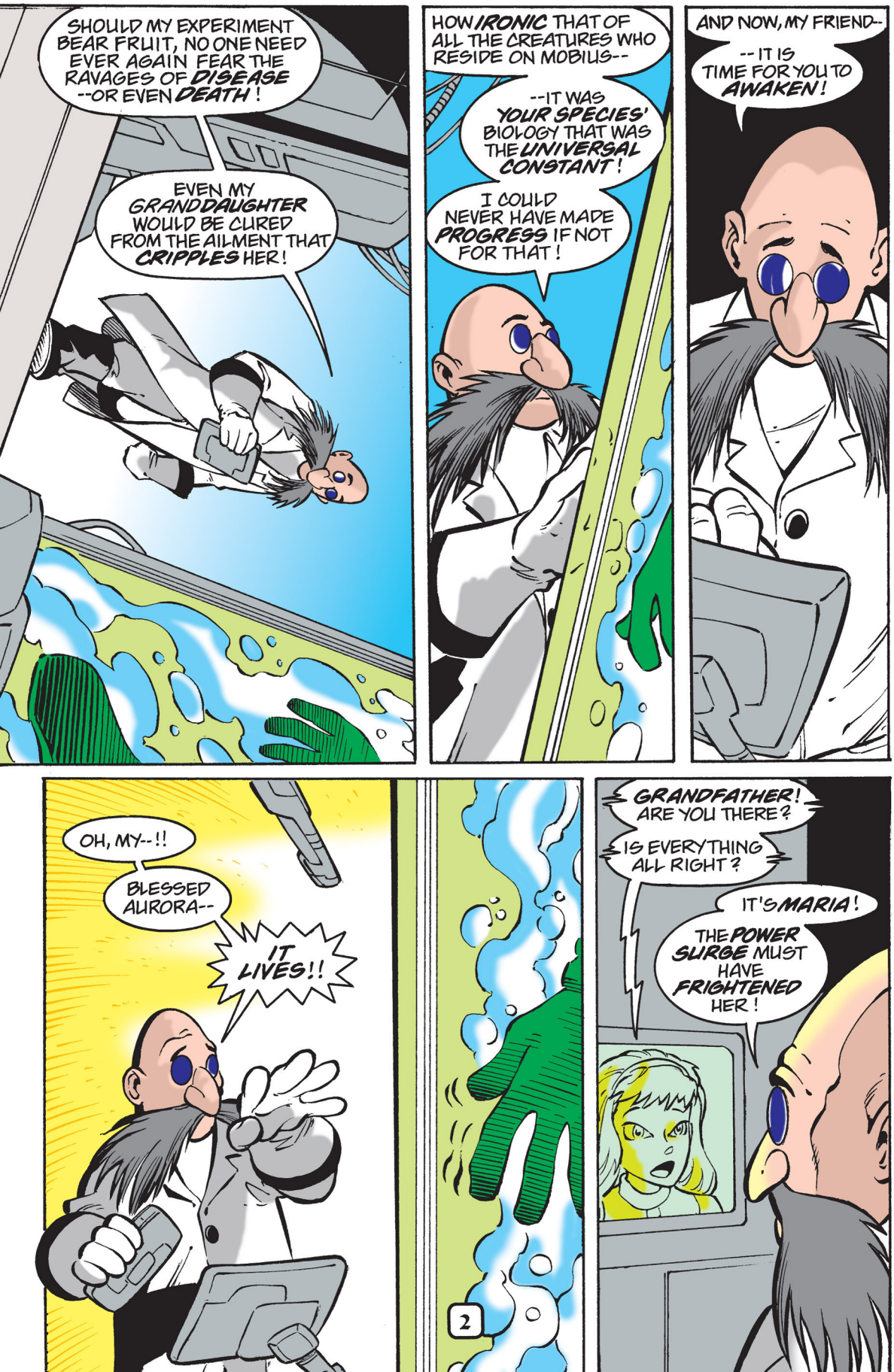
SHOULD MY EXPERIMENT BEAR FRUIT, NO ONE NEED EVER AGAIN FEAR THE RAVAGES OF DISEASE --OR EVEN DEATH!
EVEN MY GRANDDAUGHTER WOULD BE CURED FROM THE AILMENT THAT CRIPPLES HER!
HOW IRONIC THAT OF ALL THE CREATURES WHO RESIDE ON MOBIUS--
--IT WAS YOUR SPECIES' BIOLOGY THAT WAS THE UNIVERSAL CONSTANT!
I COULD NEVER HAVE MADE PROGRESS IF NOT FOR THAT!
AND NOW, MY FRIEND--
--IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO AWAKEN!
OH, MY--!!
BLESSED AURORA--
IT LIVES!!
GRANDFATHER! ARE YOU THERE?
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
IT'S MARIA!
THE POWER SURGE MUST HAVE FRIGHTENED HER!
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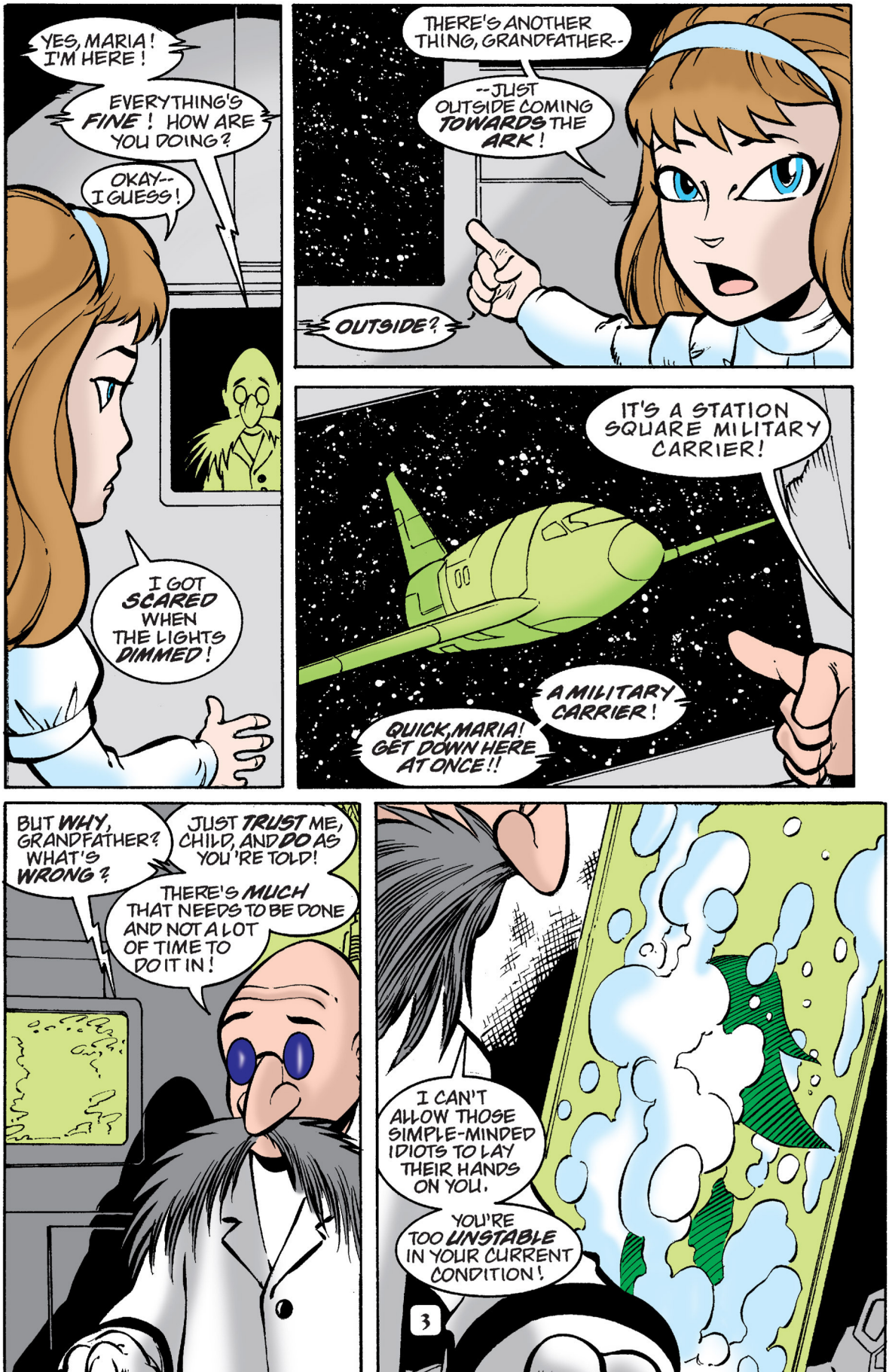
YES, MARIA! I'M HERE!
EVERYTHING'S FINE! HOW ARE YOU DOING?
OKAY-- I GUESS!
I GOT SCARED WHEN THE LIGHTS DIMMED!
THERE'S ANOTHER THING, GRANDFATHER--
--JUST OUTSIDE COMING TOWARDS THE ARK!
OUTSIDE?
IT'S A STATION SQUARE MILITARY CARRIER!
A MILITARY CARRIER!
QUICK, MARIA! GET DOWN HERE AT ONCE!!
BUT WHY, GRANDFATHER? WHAT'S WRONG?
JUST TRUST ME, CHILD, AND DO AS YOU'RE TOLD!
THERE'S MUCH THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND NOT A LOT OF TIME TO DO IT IN!
I CAN'T ALLOW THOSE SIMPLE-MINDED IDIOTS TO LAY THEIR HANDS ON YOU.
YOU'RE TOO UNSTABLE IN YOUR CURRENT CONDITION!
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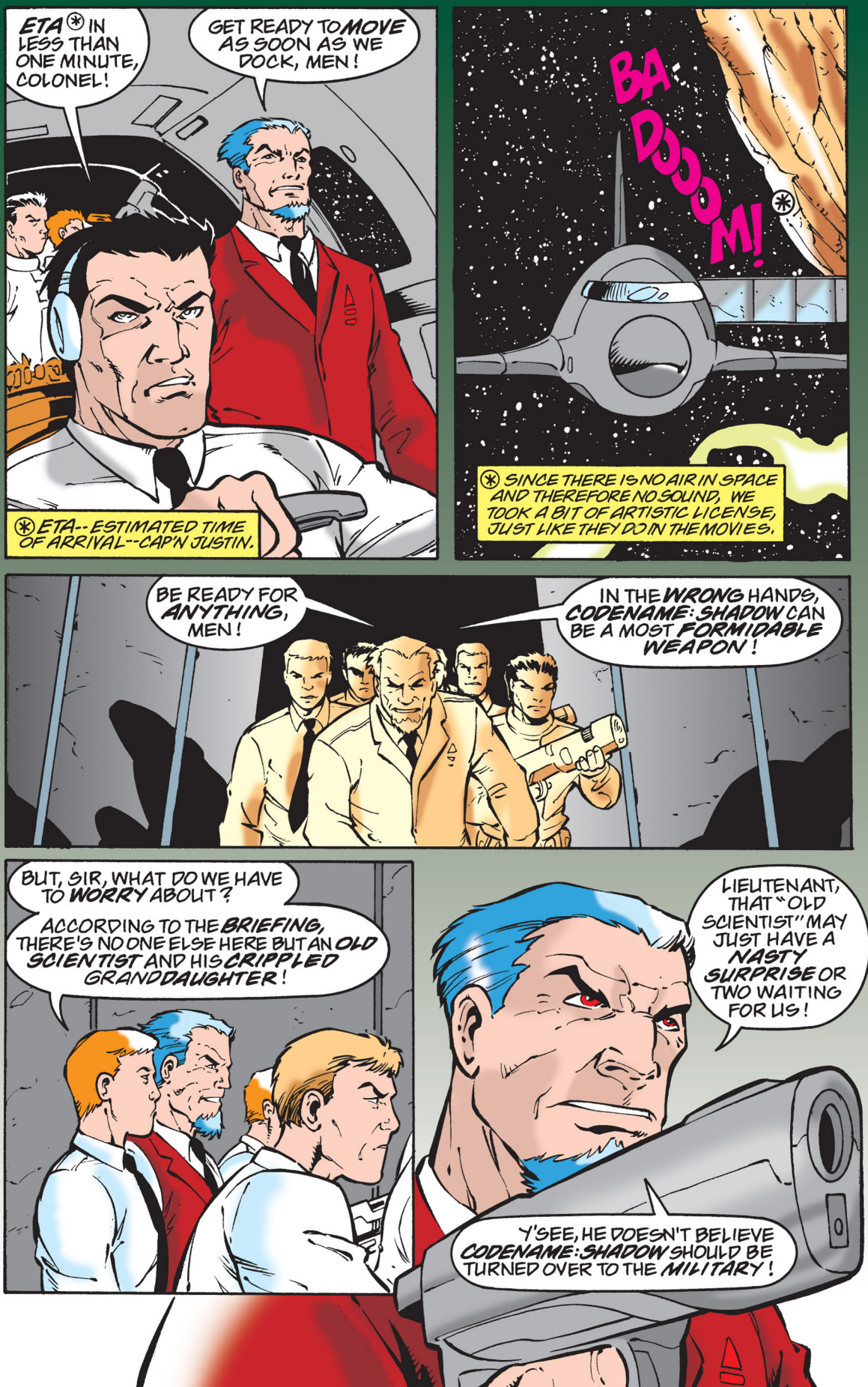
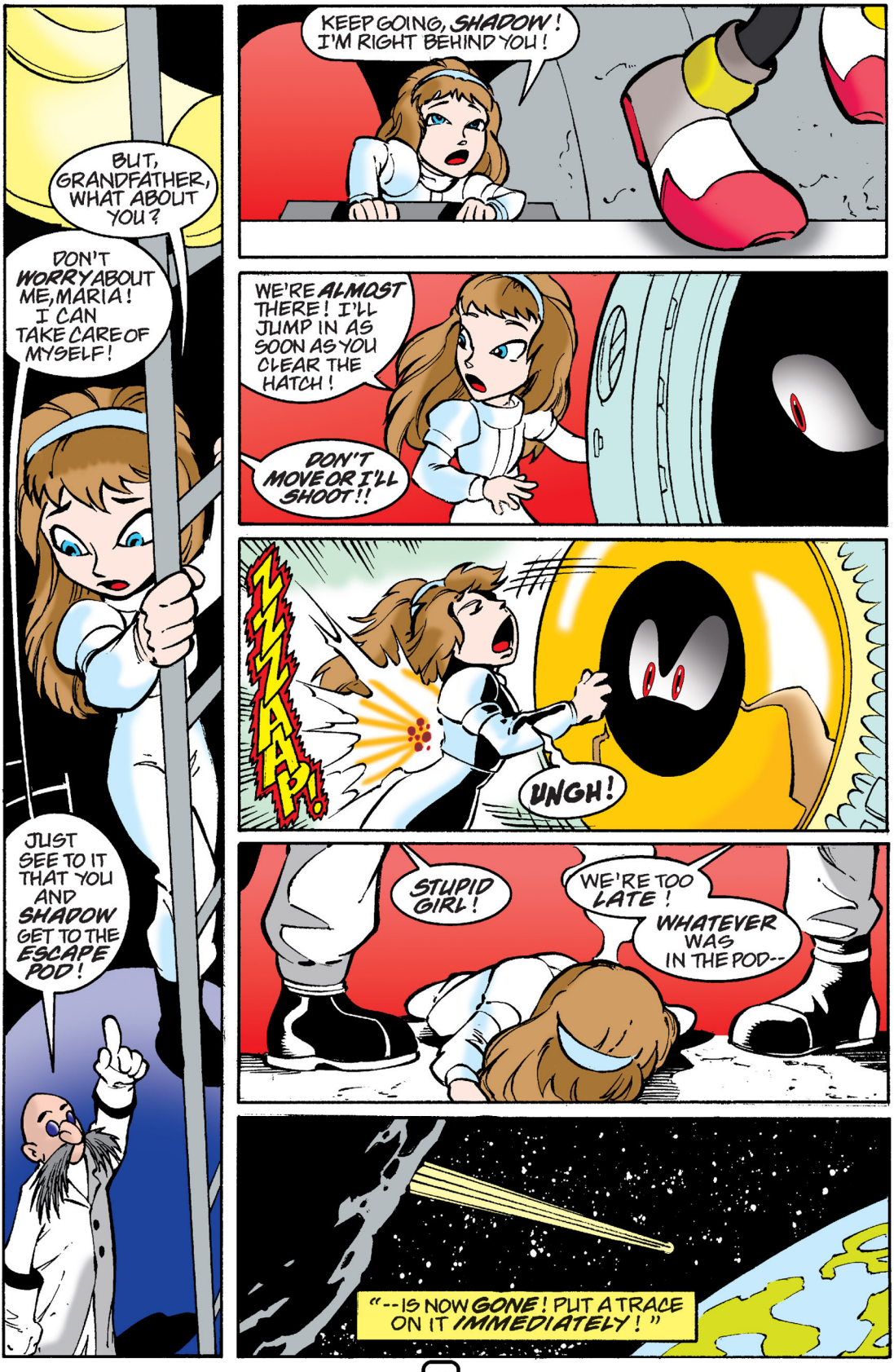
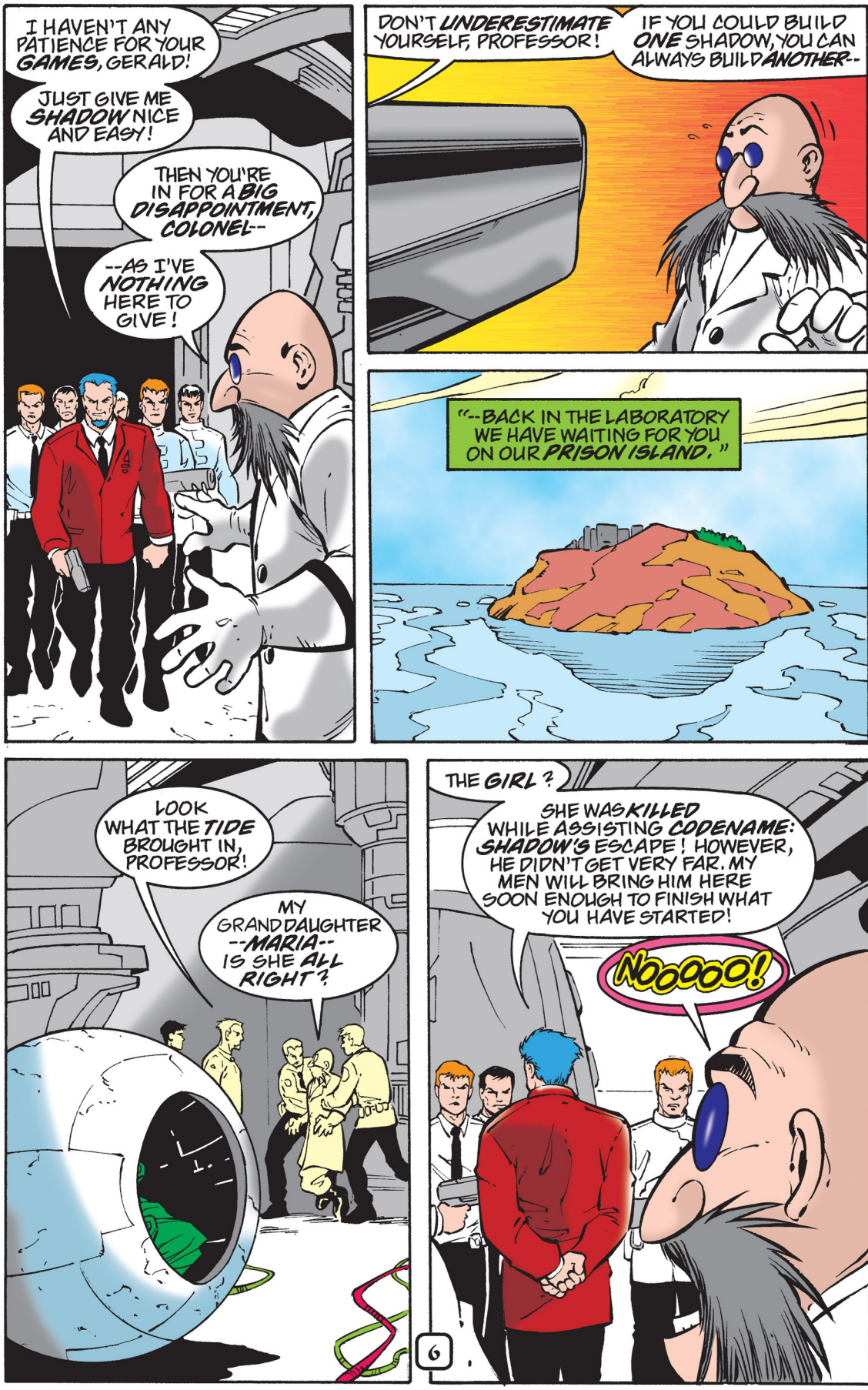
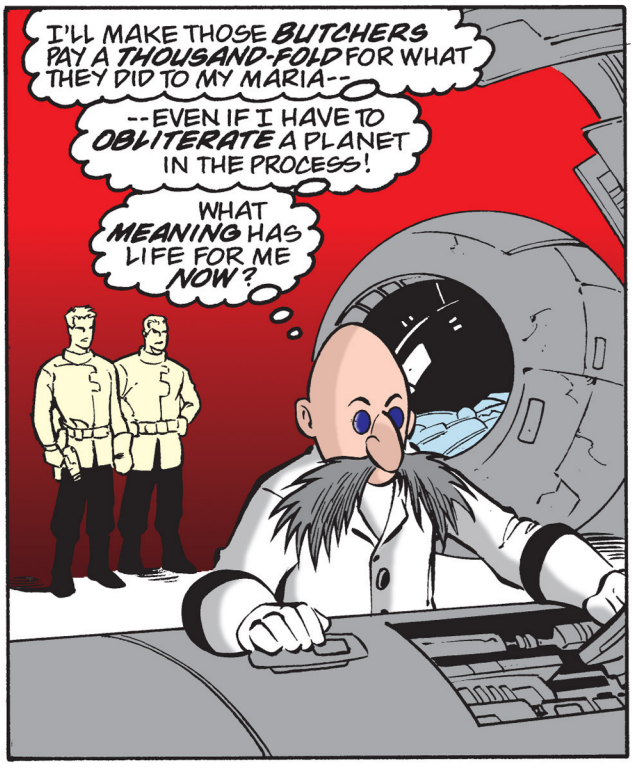
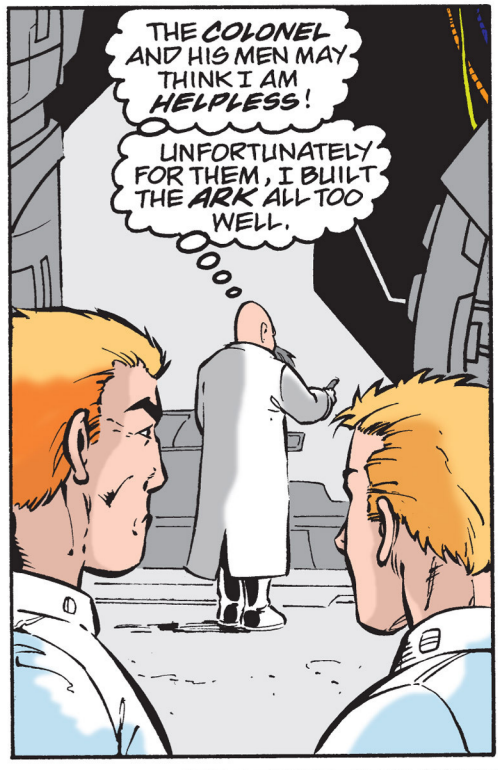
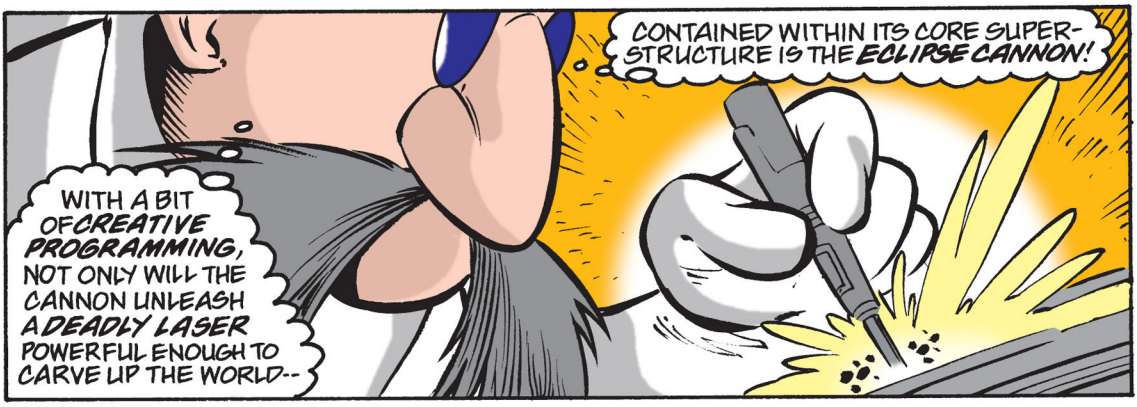

ETA* IN LESS THAN ONE MINUTE, COLONEL!
GET READY TO MOVE AS SOON AS WE DOCK, MEN!
*ETA--ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL--CAP'N JUSTIN.
BA DOOOM!*
*SINCE THERE IS NO AIR IN SPACE AND THEREFORE NO SOUND, WE TOOK A BIT OF ARTISTIC LICENSE, JUST LIKE THEY DO IN THE MOVIES.
BE READY FOR ANYTHING, MEN!
IN THE WRONG HANDS, CODENAME: SHADOW CAN BE A MOST FORMIDABLE WEAPON!
BUT, SIR, WHAT DO WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT?
ACCORDING TO THE BRIEFING, THERE'S NO ONE ELSE HERE BUT AN OLD SCIENTIST AND HIS CRIPPLED GRANDDAUGHTER!
LIEUTENANT, THAT "OLD SCIENTIST" MAY JUST HAVE A NASTY SURPRISE OR TWO WAITING FOR US!
Y'SEE, HE DOESN'T BELIEVE CODENAME: SHADOW SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE MILITARY!

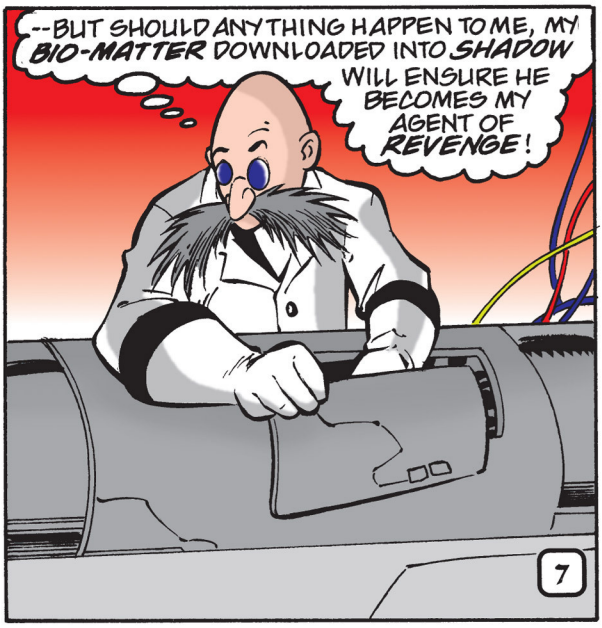

BUT, GRANDFATHER, WHAT ABOUT YOU?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, MARIA! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!
JUST SEE TO IT THAT YOU AND SHADOW GET TO THE ESCAPE POD!
KEEP GOING, SHADOW! I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE! I'LL JUMP IN AS SOON AS YOU CLEAR THE HATCH!
DON'T MOVE OR I'LL SHOOT!!
ZZZAP!
UNGH!
STUPID GIRL!
WE'RE TOO LATE!
WHATEVER WAS IN THE POD--
"--IS NOW GONE! PUT A TRACE ON IT IMMEDIATELY!"

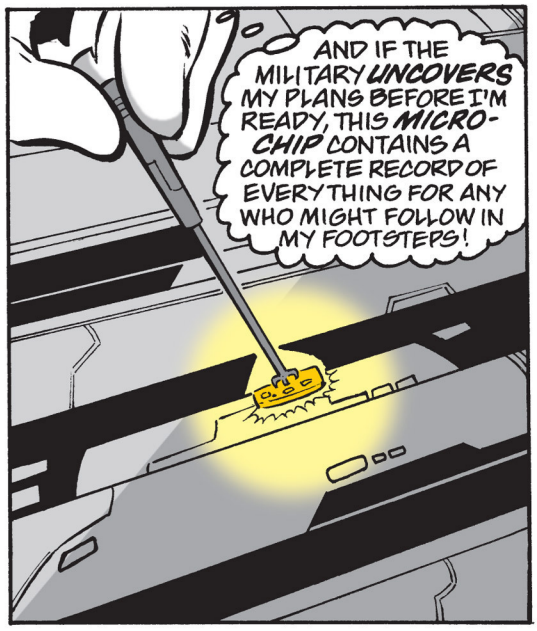

I HAVEN'T ANY PATIENCE FOR YOUR GAMES, GERALD!
JUST GIVE ME SHADOW NICE AND EASY!
THEN YOU'RE IN FOR A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT, COLONEL--
--AS I'VE NOTHING HERE TO GIVE!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE YOURSELF, PROFESSOR!
IF YOU COULD BUILD ONE SHADOW, YOU CAN ALWAYS BUILD ANOTHER--
"--BACK IN THE LABORATORY WE HAVE WAITING FOR YOU ON OUR PRISON ISLAND."
LOOK WHAT THE TIDE BROUGHT IN, PROFESSOR!
MY GRANDDAUGHTER --MARIA-- IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
THE GIRL?
SHE WAS KILLED WHILE ASSISTING CODENAME: SHADOW'S ESCAPE! HOWEVER, HE DIDN'T GET VERY FAR. MY MEN WILL BRING HIM HERE SOON ENOUGH TO FINISH WHAT YOU HAVE STARTED!
NOOOOO!

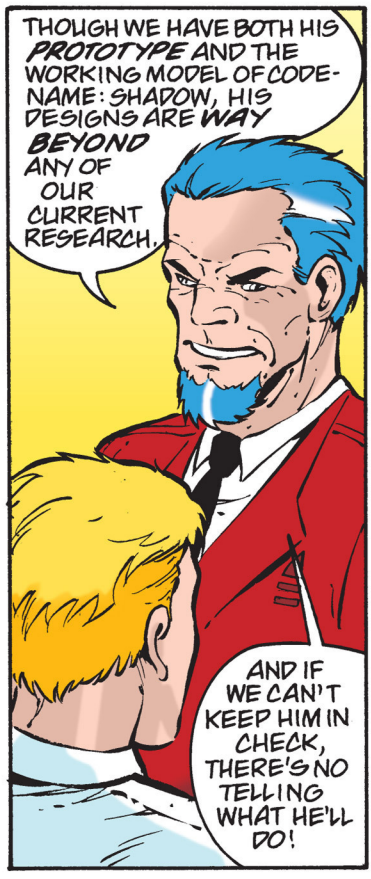

I'LL MAKE THOSE BUTCHERS PAY A THOUSAND-FOLD FOR WHAT THEY DID TO MY MARIA--
--EVEN IF I HAVE TO OBLITERATE A PLANET IN THE PROCESS!
WHAT MEANING HAS LIFE FOR ME NOW?

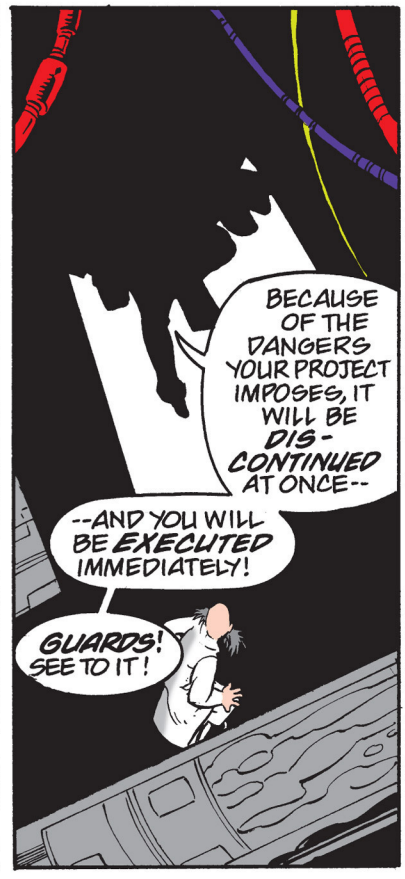

THE COLONEL AND HIS MEN MAY THINK I AM HELPLESS!
UNFORTUNATELY FOR THEM, I BUILT THE ARK ALL TOO WELL.


CONTAINED WITHIN ITS CORE SUPER-STRUCTURE IS THE ECLIPSE CANNON!
WITH A BIT OF CREATIVE PROGRAMMING, NOT ONLY WILL THE CANNON UNLEASH A DEADLY LASER POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CARVE UP THE WORLD--


--BUT SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN TO ME, MY BIO-MATTER DOWNLOADED INTO SHADOW WILL ENSURE HE BECOMES MY AGENT OF REVENGE!


AND IF THE MILITARY UNCOVERS MY PLANS BEFORE I'M READY, THIS MICRO-CHIP CONTAINS A COMPLETE RECORD OF EVERYTHING FOR ANY WHO MIGHT FOLLOW IN MY FOOTSTEPS!


THOUGH WE HAVE BOTH HIS PROTOTYPE AND THE WORKING MODEL OF CODE-NAME: SHADOW, HIS DESIGNS ARE WAY BEYOND ANY OF OUR CURRENT RESEARCH.
AND IF WE CAN'T KEEP HIM IN CHECK, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'LL DO!


BECAUSE OF THE DANGERS YOUR PROJECT IMPOSES, IT WILL BE DIS-CONTINUED AT ONCE--
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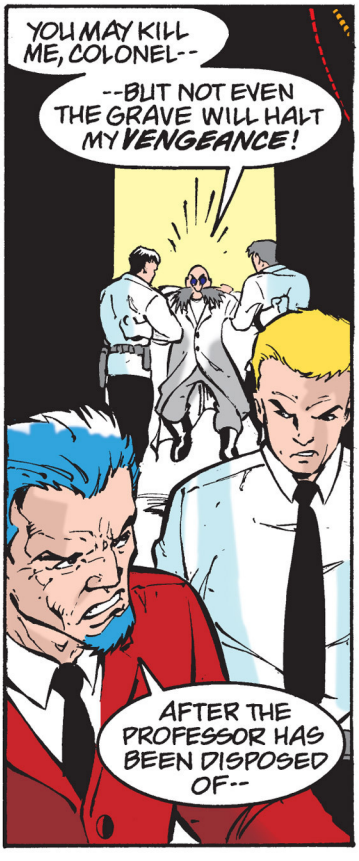
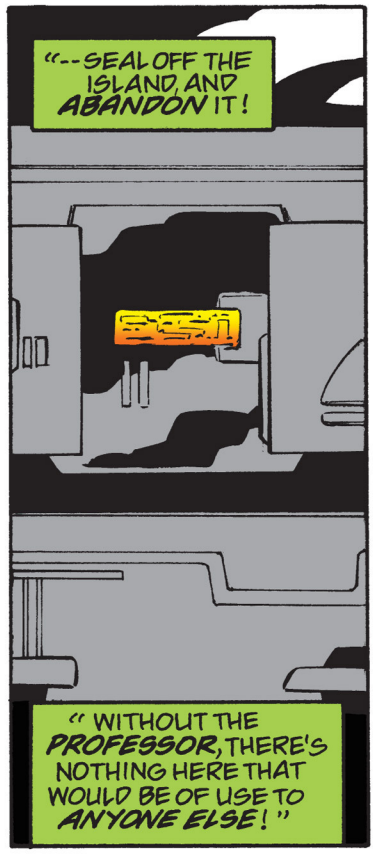
GUARDS! SEE TO IT!





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NOTE TO CONTINUITY BUFFS: BE HERE NEXT ISSUE WHEN KNUCKLES RETURNS--ALONG WITH THE DARK LEGION, NO LESS! 'NUFF SAID!